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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD:

SUBJECT: Review of the Activities of the Office of Logistics

1. Brigadier General John F. Cassidy (Retired) of the Killian Committee arrived at the Office of Logistics at 1400 on Tuesday, 27 August 1957. Mr. Garrison and the undersigned were present.

2. His first questions concerned the new building at Langley, and he asked facetiously why we did not build it bigger. Mr. Garrison gave him a full explanation of the past rising building costs, and then General Cassidy said that he wondered why we could not have a major re-organization so that we would fit into the building. This was all said in a joking manner, but, in my opinion, it may mean that the building and personnel problems have been the subject of discussions in Committee meetings.

3. General Cassidy asked why the function of Air Activities in his copy of the Regulation was in large case print. Mr. Garrison told him that that was written that way because it was a new function with increased activity. He gave him detailed answers to all questions on the Air Program in its relation to Logistics support.

4. Mr. Garrison showed his charts starting with his organization chart, and General Cassidy asked why he had a Logistics man in each DD/P component. He asked him why he could not have a pool of these men and send them around. Mr. Garrison replied that he had once felt that that was possible, but now was sure it was more efficient to have a man in each component. General Cassidy was interested in the Security Staff and its organization. He asked whether Logistics was going to consolidate all machine activity in the new building.

5. The question was asked as to the status of joint Agency and JCS planning with relation to the cold war and our own capabilities. He seemed satisfied with Mr. Garrison's answer.

General Cassidy was satisfied with this answer and said that he presumed that we are continuing along the same lines as the Department of Defense to establish a more efficient identification of costs.

6. Mr. Garrison explained the Logistics Planning cycle, and the only question on this was what happened on a crash job, and Mr. Garrison explained

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25X1 that one man handled a situation of that nature. He then discussed the agreement with the Department of Defense with relation to the problems of salvage and captured enemy materiel. He then covered the relationship with [redacted] This explanation was satisfactory.

7. Mr. Garrison showed a chart of the forty-eight peculiar items, and the question was asked, "Are military men tied in with their own specialties?" General Cassidy was told that they were not necessarily appointed for their specialties, but as a matter of actual fact, nearly all military men in the Office of Logistics were in similar slots in the Armed Forces, and that they seemed content with their assignment.

8. He then discussed the distribution of Agency stocks, dollar value report, and Mr. Garrison gave an explanation in some detail of the ordnance materiel. He was asked if we had a stock level, and he replied that we did not. No questions were asked on the chart which showed the number [redacted]

9. Mr. Garrison then discussed the problems, the first being lead time. General Cassidy asked that since the Joint Chiefs of Staff were involved with psychological and political warfare, unconventional warfare and CE activities, that there was a direct relationship with the problem of lead time and did we in CIA receive enough information from them to guide us. Mr. Garrison replied that we are now getting sufficient information, but did not get it up to about a year ago. Mr. Garrison then discussed [redacted] The only question asked in connection with this matter was whether he had a competent and stable force to conduct his business. He replied that his professionals were good, but that he did have trouble with his lower grade personnel.

10. It is my opinion that Mr. Garrison handled the briefing very well indeed, and it was my feeling that General Cassidy was convinced that he knew his job and that he was doing it well.

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